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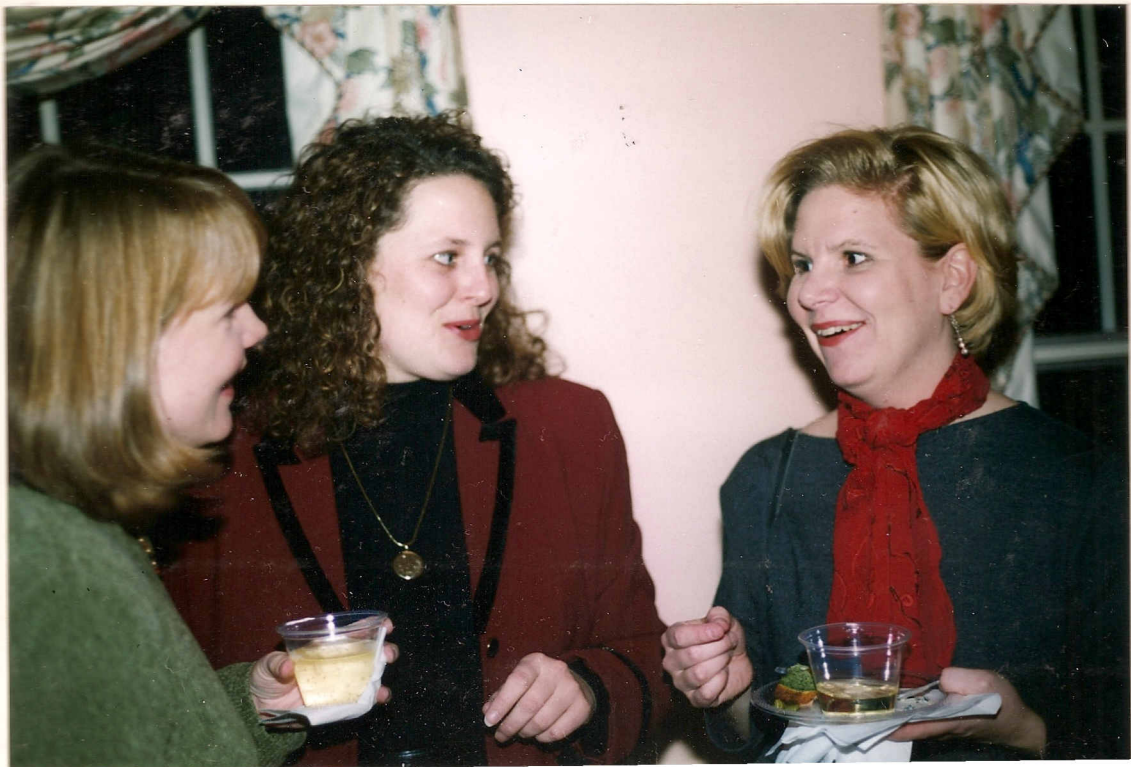
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The Shelter for Help in Emergency has been selected as the major beneficiary of the Junior League of Charlottesville's annual fund-raising efforts for the next three years. The Shelter, which opened in 1979, serves women and children who are victims of domestic violence. The Junior League funds will help develop a transitional housing program.  
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*Junior League of Charlottesville chooses new fundraiser.* The Great American Duck Race will be held May 1998 with proceeds benefiting the JLC's community grants, annual focus award and project teams. *Jefferson National Bank/Central Fidelity/Wachovia* is serving as the "Top Bill" sponsor. For more information, call (804) 971-2937.

November 1997

Chamber Comments

Provisional/Sustainer Social  
At The Home Of Ann Rooker



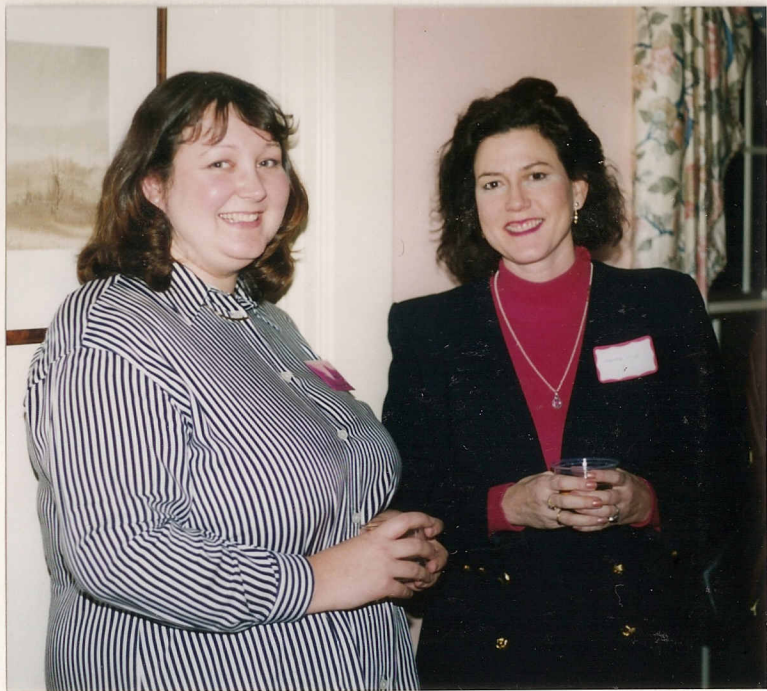


Monica Johnson, Michelle Jennings



Diane Farineau + Judy Walker





Laura Walton, Martha Tice





Ann Rooker, Chris Ewre











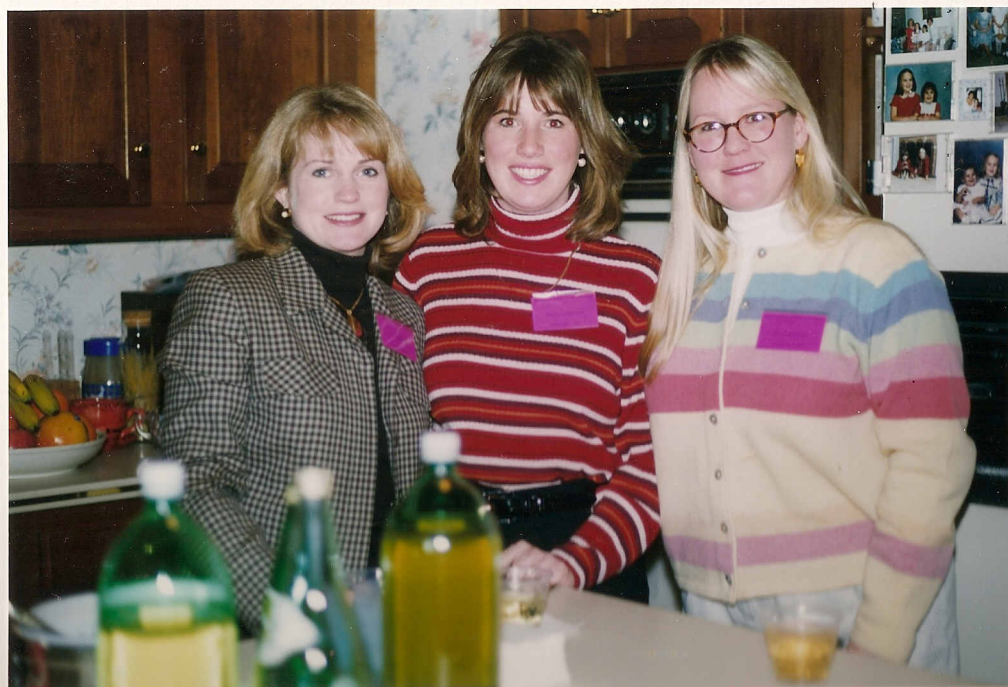








Suzanne Nash, Pam Brice



Allison Aitchison, Kelly Aldinger, Jill Campbell







(Seated) Chris Eure  
 (L-R) Past Residents Sandy Palumbo, Karin Hancher,  
 Andree Nesbit, Ann Rooker, Pam Gibson, Judy Walker



JUNIOR LEAGUE



OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, INC.  
ESTABLISHED 1932

The Junior League of Charlottesville, Inc.  
cordially invites you to attend the

## 1st Annual Quackin' for a Cause Poster Unveiling and Kickoff Party

McGuffey Art Center

March 24, 1998 5:30-7:30PM

Join us to honor winning artist, Brian Chambers  
and officially usher in Duck Adoption Season

Thank you to United States Cellular for so generously sponsoring the  
1st Annual Quackin' for a Cause Poster Contest.

Catering provided by Memory and Company,  
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Entertainment provided by the Hullabahoos.

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*The way people talk  
around here!*

Space is limited.  
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RSVP by March 20, 1998 to 971-2937



The Daily Progress/Landon Nordeman

**FOR THE BIRDS:** Brian Chambers, 18, the winner of the  
"Quackin' For A Cause" poster contest, signs a copy of his work  
Tuesday at the Junior League of Charlottesville's poster unveil-  
ing and kickoff party at the McGuffey Art Center.

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**WEDNESDAY** March 25, 1998



**free to the public!**

# Job Fair

**DOOR PRIZES!**

***Building Bridges to a Brighter Future***

**50+ Local Employers**  
Meet over 50 local employers who will be discussing career opportunities.

**Child Care Available**  
Free, on-site child care will be provided by the Junior League.

**Free Transportation**  
To take advantage of free transportation, reservations must be made by April 2. Call JAUNT at 296-6174 or Greene County Transportation at 985-5205 to sign-up for transportation.

For more information, contact your local Department of Social Services:

Albemarle County	972-4010	Greene County	985-5246
City of Charlottesville	970-3400	Louisa County	967-1320
Fluvanna County	842-8221	Nelson County	263-8334

DATE: **Monday, April 6, 1998**  
TIME: **4-7 PM**  
PLACE: **Omni Charlottesville Hotel  
235 W. Main St.**

sponsored by  
The Area 5 Departments of Social Services and  
The Junior League of Charlottesville



Delegate Paul Harris







# Provisional Job Fair



Michelle Jennings















Eden Weathersby











Lori Morrow





Allison James





**Charlottesville Free Clinic**  
**1138 Rose Hill Drive, Suite 200**  
**Charlottesville, VA 22903-5128**  
**804-296-5525**

March 27, 1998

Ms. Chris Eure  
President  
Junior League of Charlottesville  
PO Box 135  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear Ms. Eure:

On behalf of the patients who depend on the health care services provided by the Charlottesville Free Clinic, I thank you for the Junior League of Charlottesville's gift of \$500.00 on March 17, 1998. Combined with our volunteer medical services and donated supplies, your commitment will enable the Free Clinic to continue to offer health care services that would otherwise be unavailable to hundreds of hard-working, uninsured families and individuals in our community.

I have had the chance recently to talk with some of our patients and ask them what they might say to those who financially support the Charlottesville Free Clinic. Their words of gratitude and relief that our services are available are immeasurable. Here is what one patient said, "I wouldn't be here today without this place. I wouldn't have gone for a mammogram and I never would have known I had breast cancer... This place is a godsend."

As a result of contributions such as yours, the Charlottesville Free Clinic has been able to help this patient and nearly 5,000 others since it opened in 1992. As the Free Clinic celebrates its fifth year of successful operation, we will continue working to serve the ever increasing population of those who are working but uninsured in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area. Again, I extend my sincere thanks for the Junior League of Charlottesville's support.

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Weybright*

*Thank you!*

Rebecca Weybright  
Executive Director

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*Because the Charlottesville Free Clinic is a 501-C-3 charitable organization according to Internal Revenue Service regulations, and you did not receive any goods or services for your gift, it does qualify as a tax deductible contribution to the full extent of the law. Our federal employer number is 54-1620405, and our financial records are available for inspection at our offices or at the Office of Consumer Affairs in Richmond, Virginia.*





The Junior League Provisional Class  
PO Box 135  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
Attn. Laura Walton  
Ali Aitcheson

April 10, 1998

Dear Junior League Provisional Class,

We are writing to express our deep appreciation for your outstanding community service in sponsoring the Job Fair this last Monday, April 6, 1998. The Job Fair was a great success for job seekers, employers and community service agencies. The event was well planned, organized and a pleasure to attend.

During the Job Fair we had an opportunity to talk with many of the employers in attendance and several stated this was the best fair they had ever attended. They were also enthusiastic about the number and quality of job seekers with whom they spoke. Several job seekers left the fair with a job offer which was great.

The Job Fair was the result of a lot of hard work during the last six months. It is gratifying to know that the Junior League has so many talented and dedicated members who were willing to undertake such a large commitment in their first year of membership. The Provisional Class worked many hours in planning and coordinating this event. They also used their extensive community network to solicit donations of materials, labor and publicity from a variety of business and media sources.

We enjoyed working with the Provisional Class members over the last six months. We hope you have enjoyed the process of learning about our services and welfare reform, as well as gaining a greater appreciation for the clients we serve. You serve as outstanding role models to our community. Many of you are working mothers who still find the time to contribute to your community.

We are in receipt of your donation of \$290.00 towards the cost of the Job Fair. This is a welcome contribution that will help to offset the costs we incurred in providing refreshments and parking. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Your plans to follow up with the Job Fair attendees will provide us with valuable information about the success from the perspective of the job seekers. We are looking forward to receiving this follow up information at one and three months. Please continue to stay in touch with Ursula for any questions or follow up postage, etc. which is required.

In closing, please accept our sincere appreciation for your sponsorship of the Job Fair. Several members expressed a desire to repeat this project again next year. Should you wish to do that we would be delighted to work collaboratively with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Cox III".

Robert A. Cox III, Director

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ursula G. Palmer".

Ursula G. Palmer, Welfare Reform Coordinator



## Feeling ducky



The Daily Progress/Landon Nordeman

Accompanied by sons Tristram, 3, and Jacob, 18 months, Suzette Buck makes her way toward the Downtown Mall in mascot attire on Thursday to publicize "Quackin' for a Cause." The fund-raiser, spon-

sored by the Junior League of Charlottesville, culminates May 9 in a duck race at Darden Towe Memorial Park. The event will benefit the Shelter for Help in Emergency and other organizations.

**FRIDAY** April 17, 1998

THE DAILY PROGRESS, Charlottesville, Va.,



# Junior League plans events to benefit shelter

From staff reports

The Junior League of Charlottesville will sponsor several events for the week beginning Wednesday as part of the organization's Quackin' for a Cause project, which benefits the Shelter for Help in Emergency.

Duck adoptions can be made: Thursday at the kiosk on the Downtown Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday on the Downtown Mall at Fridays after Five, at the Dogwood Festival Parade on April 25, at Sam's Club from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 25, and April 26 at

Giant from 1-5 p.m.

Other events include bar nights at Biltmore Grill on April 27 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. and at Coupe DeVille's on April 28 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Great Junior League of Charlottesville Duck Race and Rivanna River Festival will take place May 9 at Darden Towe Memorial Park, where participants can win a vacation for two to the Caribbean Island St. Lucia, \$100,000 or any of numerous other prizes.

For more information, call 971-2937.



# Junior League plans ducky day-long benefit

By KIMBERLY O'BRIEN  
Daily Progress staff writer

There's still time to buy a duck.

For the Junior League of Charlottesville's duck race, that is. Come Saturday, hundreds of bright-yellow rubber ducks wearing tiny sunglasses will be bobbing in the Rivanna River.

But Saturday's event is about much more than seeing which duck will cross the finish line first. "Quackin' for a Cause" is about raising money for a cause — the Shelter for Help in Emergency — and helping Charlottesville-area residents appreciate the Rivanna River.

"Most people barely know we're on a river," said Mayor Kay Slaughter. Saturday "will be a great opportunity for people to have a lot of fun, and for people to begin to own and enjoy the park."

The day-long event, scheduled to kick off at 10 a.m. at Darden Towe Memorial Park, will include educational and environmental exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, hot-air balloon

rides, canoe rides, fishing, tennis and basketball clinics, music, food and of course, the duck race.

The main duck race is scheduled for 3 p.m. The owner of the duck that crosses the finish line first wins an all-inclusive vacation to St. Lucia. Many other prizes, from bed and breakfast stays to University of Virginia season football tickets, will be given out.

John Hermsmeier, program director for the Environmental Education Center, said the idea for the river festival began to grow back in 1996, when the Rivanna River project began. Results of the project, which was funded by the Environmental Protection Agency and examined the quality of the river, are expected to be released within a month.

Hermsmeier said the volunteers who assisted in water monitoring during the project as well as the committee that developed afterward thought a festival would get the word out to the community about the importance of the river.

"We've treated [the Rivanna] like our back door river instead of a front door river," he said.

"This [event] is meant to say, 'Hey! Charlottesville is a city on a river.'"

The monitoring teams found, for the most part, that the river maintained good water quality, Hermsmeier said. The only exception came in Meadow Creek, which rated fair, likely because of runoff from the city, he said.

Both Hermsmeier and Slaughter said they hope the festival will teach residents something about the river they didn't know before. The event is also intended to celebrate the relationship among the localities in the Rivanna River basin, which touches all the counties in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District.

The festival, sponsored by Wachovia Bank, is free and open to everyone. Ducks, meanwhile, can still be adopted in businesses throughout the city and county until noon today, or at the kiosk on the Downtown Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ducks will also be available for adoption on Saturday at the festival until 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 971-2937.



# River festival features duck race

The Junior League of Charlottesville is teaming up with the city of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and other organizations to stage a day-long celebration of the Rivanna River and raise money for a good cause.

The Junior League's annual duck race will be Saturday at Darden Towe Memorial Park, in conjunction with the Rivanna River Festival.

Activities related to the duck race are planned throughout the day.

The corporate duck race will be at 1:30 p.m. The Dance Studio will perform its Duck Dance at 2:30 p.m. and the main duck race is at 3 p.m. It costs \$5 to adopt a duck for the race and proceeds will benefit the Shelter for Help in Emergency.

For details, call the Junior League at 971-2937.

A variety of educational exhibits will be on display all day.

Entertainment will include puppet shows at 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Stoned Wheat Things will perform at noon. Storyteller Michael Parent is featured at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. Magician Wes Isli will show his tricks at 3:30 p.m.

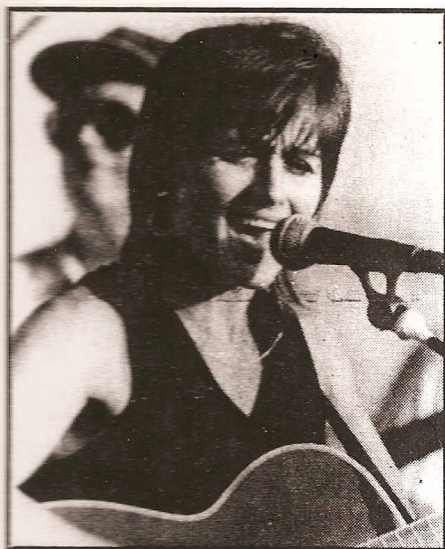
Singer Terri Allard is scheduled to perform at 4 p.m.

Other activities include tennis clinics conducted by Renee Blount for ages 8 to 14 at 10 a.m. and for ages 15 to adult at 1 p.m.

The Virginia Discovery Museum and Senior Center Kingfisher Fishing Club will present fishing clinics at 10 a.m.

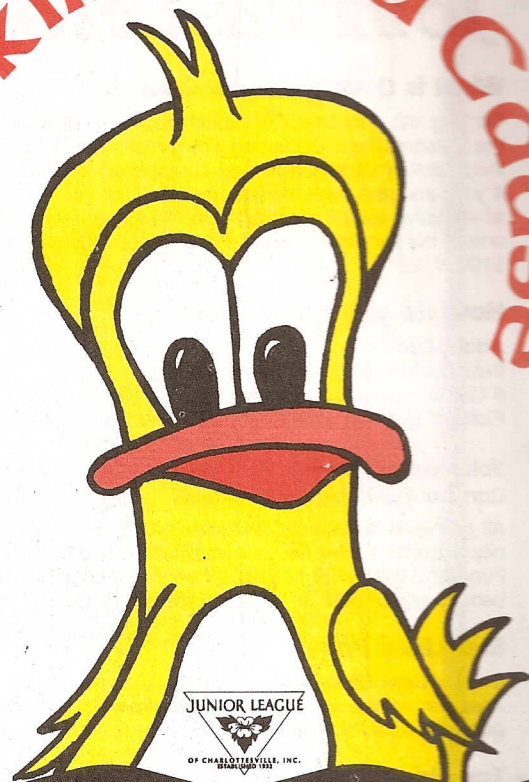
Kayak demonstrations will be at noon and at 2 p.m. there will be a YMCA basketball clinic for children in fourth grade and older.

For more information, call 970-3260.



Terri Allard performs Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Rivanna River Festival.

# Quackin' for a Cause



**Junior League of Charlottesville  
Duck Race and Festival  
sponsored by**

**WACHOVIA**

**Win an all inclusive vacation to St. Lucia  
or maybe \$100,000!**

**May 9, 1998 10:00am-6:00pm  
Darden Towe Memorial Park**

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**971-2937**

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**YOUR LUCKY DUCK NUMBER**



# Quackin' for a Cause

THE GREAT  
JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
CHARLOTTESVILLE DUCK RACE  
AND RIVANNA RIVER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1998

DARDEN TOWE MEMORIAL PARK







## *Success befowls river festival*

Junior League raises spirits, money for area emergency shelter

By **KIMBERLY O'BRIEN**  
Daily Progress staff writer

So the ducks couldn't race down the river.  
So what.

For the thousands of area residents who attended Saturday's Great Junior League of Charlottesville Duck Race and Rivanna River Festival, it didn't make a difference.

"I couldn't have asked for better," said fundraising chair Suzette Buck.

After the river flooded part of the park on Friday, organizers decided, for safety's sake, to stage a duck drop instead of a duck race. So at 3 p.m., 10,000 ducks — 9,166 of which were adopted — plunged into a pond at Darden Towe Memorial Park on Saturday.

Of course, a fire hose held by a Stony Point volunteer firefighter and six paddlers in three canoes had to coax the tiny yellow rubber ducks to the finish line. But in the end, the results were the same — proceeds will go to the Shelter for Help in Emer-

gency, a battered women and children's shelter.

"That's why we're here," said Albemarle County resident Joan Bonser, who works at University of Virginia Medical Center and has seen the effects of domestic violence. "We didn't come for the ducks; we came for the cause."

Bonser also brought her two sons, 7-year-old Robert and 6½-year-old Christian, to the event and adopted two ducks. For Robert, his favorite part was "when the ducks fell in the water," he said.

To drop the ducks, a large metal container was hoisted by a crane 30 feet into the air above the pond. The bottom was then pulled away with a long cord, releasing the yellow critters into the water with a splash.

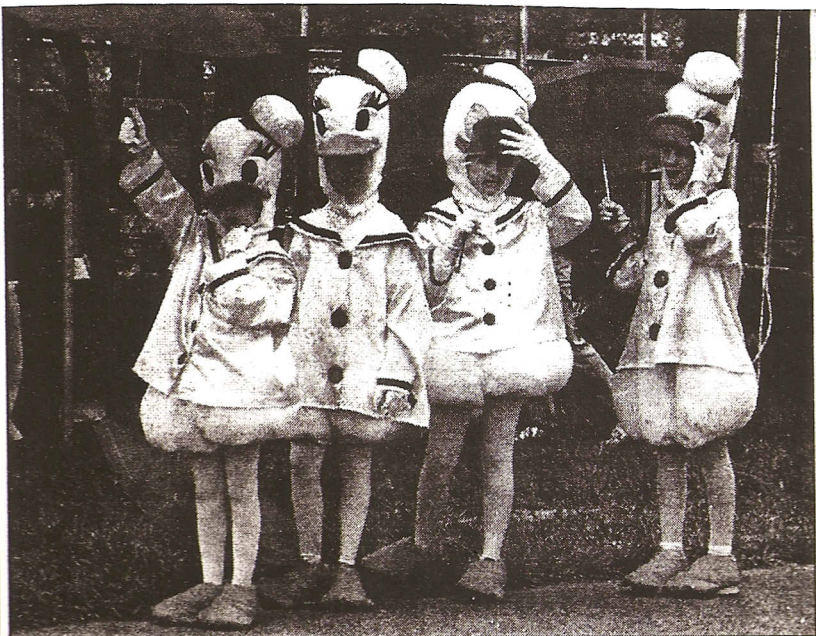
Kelley Johnson, a 37-year-old Glenmore resident, was the grand-prize winner of a one-week, all-expenses-paid vacation to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. But Johnson, who adopted just one duck, wasn't even at the festival for the drop — she learned about her prize from friends while shop-

See **FESTIVAL** on B2

The Daily Progress/Steve Cloos

A torrent of rubber ducks takes the plunge during the Great Junior League of Charlottesville Duck Race and Rivanna River Festival at Darden Towe Memorial Park.





The Daily Progress/Leslie Close

The "Ducks Dance Too" dance troupe (from left): Carmen Sandridge, 9, Kami Trevillian, 11, Lindsey Steele, 12, and Deirdre Laver, 10.

## Festival

Continued from B1

ping at Food Lion at the Pantops shopping center.

Johnson and her husband, Eric, quickly rushed to the park.

"I feel so guilty I wasn't here," an excited Johnson said. "But that is so cool. That's wild. I'm going to St. Lucia!"

The couple said they'd probably use the trip to celebrate their 15-year anniversary this October.

But Saturday wasn't all about ducks and prizes. It was also about paying tribute to the Rivanna River, muddy and wild as it was during the event, and raising money for SHE. Exhibitors included the Virginia Canal and Navigations Society, the Rivanna Trails Foundation, the Virginia Discovery Museum and the Piedmont Environmental Council, to name a few.

Attendees of the event were encouraged to walk along the river, which had receded significantly by Saturday. Meanwhile, children took part in dozens of activities tailored especially for them, including a puppet show, a magician, face-painting and a sports clinic. Arts and crafts vendors and music from the Stoned Wheat Things and Terri Allard rounded out the day.

And what started as cloudy skies with threatening clouds turned into a sunny, warm afternoon.

Charlottesville resident Debby Moody enjoyed the festival in a slightly different fashion. She held a birthday party for her 2-year-old daughter, Aimee, at the top of the

sloping hill near the pond. The party, attended by about 12 children, featured a chocolate cake decorated with tiny ducks.

"There's lots of things to do," Moody said of the event. "It's a beautiful park, and we get free entertainment."

The event raised about \$34,000 — \$20,000 of which will go to the shelter. The Junior League has pledged to give the shelter up to \$20,000 each year and provide volunteers for three years, according to Buck. A second duck race is already in the works for next year.

Shelter director Cartie Lominack said the money will be used for a new transitional housing program, which will allow battered women to live in temporary housing for up to two years. Currently, the shelter can only provide emergency housing for up to six weeks.

With the help of the Albemarle County Housing Improvement Program, the program will give a woman more options after she chooses to leave an abusive relationship, Lominack said.

"We wouldn't do it without the Junior League's funding," she said.





Margaret Belling, Crescent Bailey, Susan Thomas



Nickie Knight







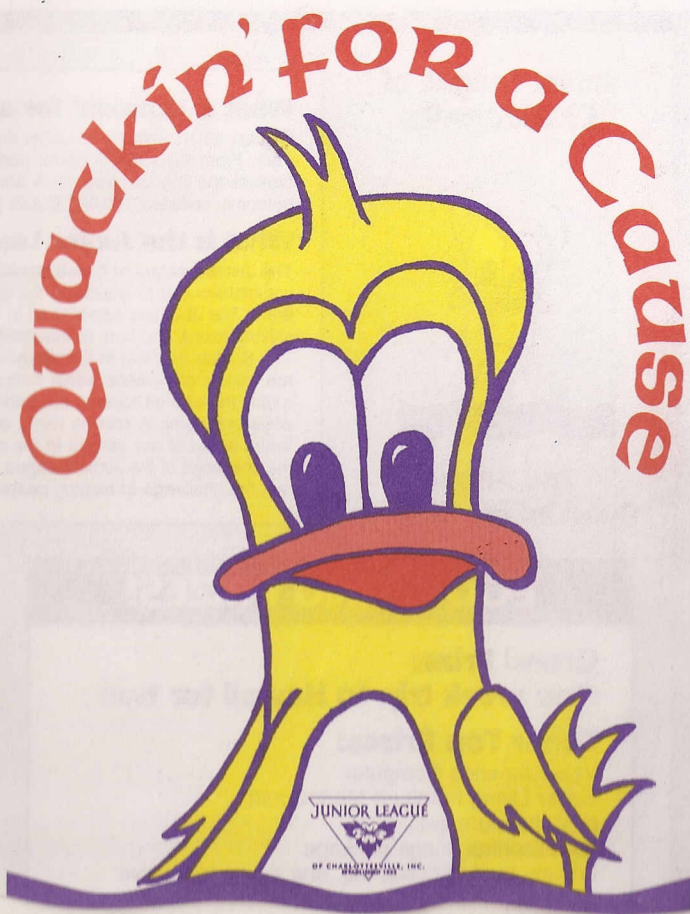
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Shelby Epp, Diane Smith, Mary Williams







Katherine Garstang





Katherine Garstang & Jacob Buck



Melissa Phipps

















Jennie Rickard, Ava Shumake, Debbie Burks





Nickie Knight, Kathy Abell



Wendy McWhorter, Caroline Williams, Diana Crosswhite





Bill Murray, son Will, Royann Murray,  
son Johnny, daughter Callie



Suzette Bucky Kathy Garstang





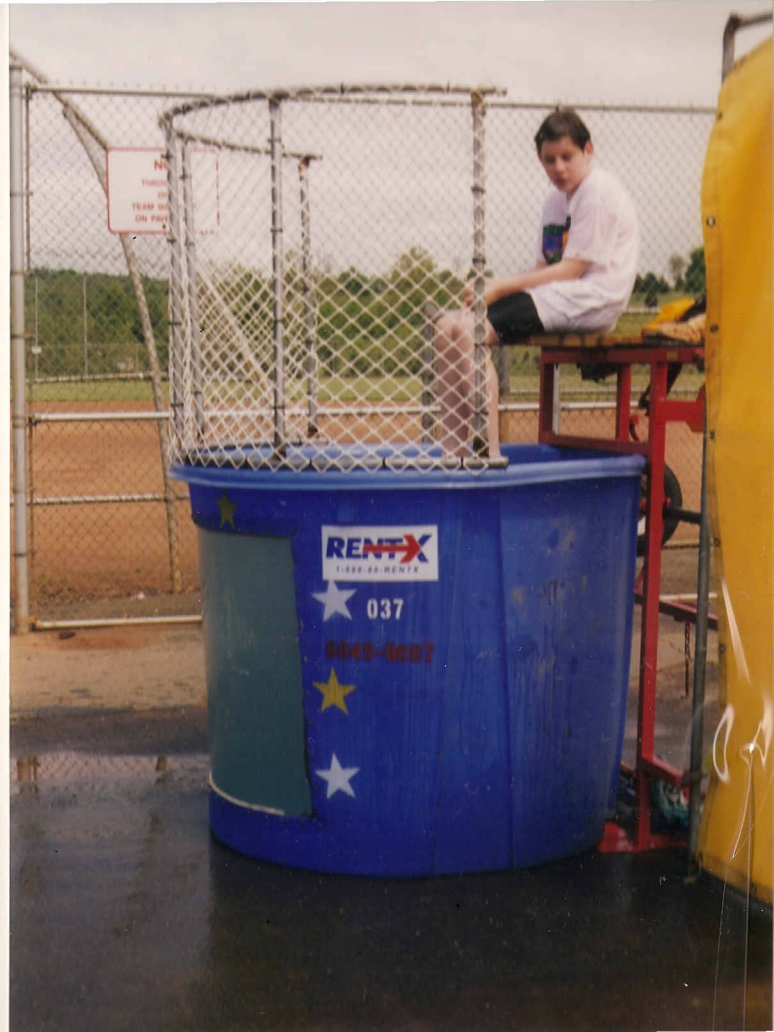
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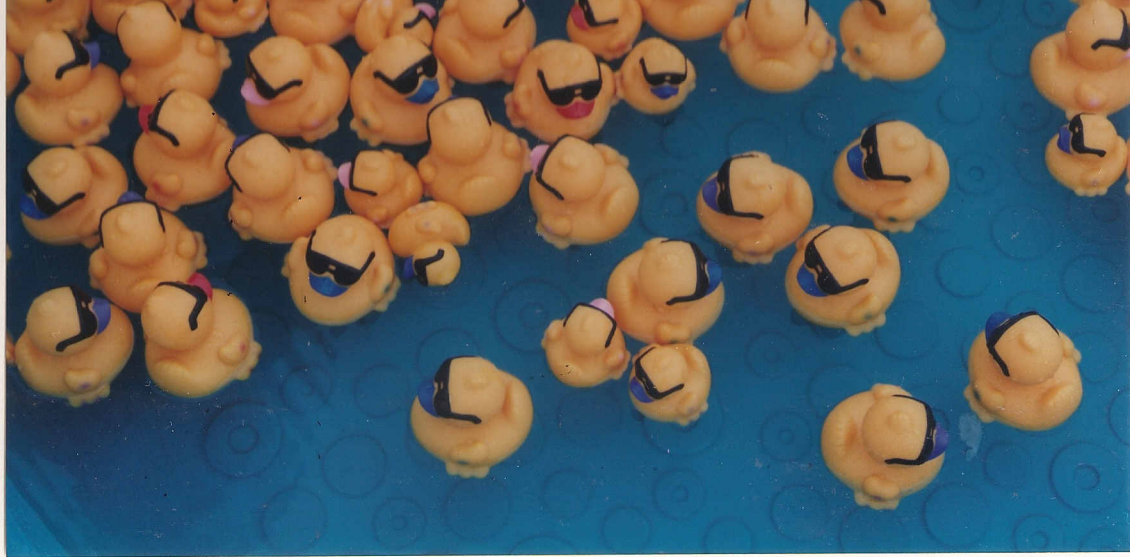




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Diane Farineau





Renee Blount, tennis pro



Martha Dailey, Lisa Boswell





Jill Campbell,